

N-DEx helps solve casino robbery

On December 13, 2015, the Route 66 Casino Express in Albuquerque, New Mexico, was robbed. Two male subjects entered the casino, pointed a loaded firearm at one of the cashiers, and demanded money. Meanwhile, a female accomplice stayed outside in their get-away vehicle. Minutes prior to the robbery, the unknown female accomplice swiped a casino rewards card to pay for fuel at one of the pumps nearby.

The Pueblo of Laguna Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) were called to investigate. With limited information on the female subject, a special agent with the Laguna Police Department contacted the Rocky Mountain Information Network (RMIN). The agent spoke to a criminal intelligence analyst, asking her to find out what she could on the female driver.

By searching the FBI's National Data Exchange (N-DEx) System, multiple records were discovered that revealed the identities of the female and her criminal associates. The agent then took the information gathered from the N-DEx System to two RMIN Intelligence Research Analysts, for full background checks and criminal intelligence pack-

With the volume of detailed information gathered by using the N-DEx System and other intelligence databases, three arrests and two confessions were obtained.

The agent stated, "The true heroes in the case were the intelligence analysts that provide us with the information and the direction in which to proceed."

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The FBI's **National Data Exchange System**



N-DEx delivers. Information. Connections. Analysis.

What is N-DEx?

N-DEx is an unclassified national information sharing system that enables criminal justice agencies to search, link, analyze, and share local, state, tribal, and federal records.

- No fee.
- Available 74/7
- Easy web-based access

N-DEx was created with the security and privacy of criminal justice information in mind. N-DEx allows agencies to determine what data they will share, with whom, and at what level of openness.

- Ownership of data submissions to N-DEx always remains with the record owning agency.
- N-DEx provides agencies with flexible data sharing options.
- Prior to using information found in N-DEx, users must obtain approval from the record-owning agency.

N-DEx was created as an answer to the 911 Commission, which called for better information sharing among local, state and federal criminal justice agencies.

Complementary Analytical Tools

N-DEx provides tools that save time, aid in investigations, and promote collaboration and are available at no cost.

Data Available

- Nearly 600,000,000
 searchable records
 from local, state, tribal,
 and federal sources,
 with new records
 available daily.
- N-DEx contains incident, arrest, and booking reports; pretrial investigations; supervised released reports; calls for service; photos; and field contact/identification records.











Sample of federal searchable data via N-DEx.

Access N-DEx

- N-DEx is easily accessible via the FBI's
 Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal
 (LEEP). Anyone with an account on
 <www.cjis.gov> can request access to
 their state N-DEx "Sub-SIG" (Special
 Interest Group).
- Agencies can access N-DEx using a method that works best for them.
- N-DEx partners with many organizations including Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS), COPLINK, and the Law Enforcement Information Exchange (LInX) in order to provide flexible access options.

Why N-DEx?

N-DEx complements other well-known FBI systems, such as the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), Interstate Identification Index (III), and Next Generation Identification (NGI) that provide critical information to the criminal justice community. Information that would not be contained in those systems, i.e., incident and case reports, full Department of Justice (DDJ) case files, and corrections data, is available in N-DEx. N-DEx fills information gaps and provides situational awareness.